IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

FRIDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF MARCH
TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE D.S.R.VARMA

WRIT PETITION NO : 22732 of 2004

Between:

V.Srinivas Rao S/op.V.Bhavannarayana, Plot.No.64,HMT, Shathavahana Nagar, Opp KPHB Colony, Kukatpally, Hyderabad.

..... PETITIONER

AND

1 The Commissioner of Police Hyderabad.
2 The Commissioner of Police, Cyderabad, Lakdikapool, Hyderabad.
3 The Collector. Rangareddy Dist Lakdikapool, Hyderabad.
4 The Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO), Chevella Division, RangaReddy Dist.
5 The Registrar of News papers for India, Ministry of Information &Broad Casting West Block,VIII,Wing-2, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110066.
6 The Regional Office of Registrar of News Papers for India, B-2 B, Balaji Bhavan, Basanthnagar, Chennai-90.
7 Y.Nagaraj Chief Editor of Niluvutaddam Telugu Weekly, Flat No.103,plot No.477 PhaseIV,Kukatpally Housing Board Colony, Kukatpally, Hyderabad-72.

.....RESPONDENTS

Petition under Article 226 of the constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Affidavit filed herein the High Court will be pleased to issue an order or direction more particularly one in the nature of writ of mandamus any other appropriate writ declaring the action of the respondents No.1 to 6 in not taking any action against the respondent no 7 basing on a complaint filed by the petitioner dt 26-10-2004, as arbitrary, illegal, null and void and violative of the provisions of the press and Registration of the Books Act, Consequently direct the respondents No. 1 to 6 to take necessary action against the respondent no.7 as per the provisions of the press and Registration of the Books Act and other Laws basing on the complaint dt 26-10-2004 filed by the petitioner and to pass such other order or orders.

Counsel for the Petitioner: MR.K.VENUMADHAV

Counsel for the Respondents 1 & 2: GP for Home

Counsel for the Respondents 3 & 4: GP for Revenue

Counsel for the respondents 5 & 6: Mr. M. Ramalingeswara Reddy

Counsel for the Respondent No: 7: Mr. S.P. Chakravarthi

The Court made the following :

***ORAL ORDER*:**

Heard. Perused the material placed before me.

The grievance of the petitioner in this writ petition is that the 7th respondent has been threatening him that he would publish some publications in the newspaper that is being run by him, unless the petitioner pays some amounts to him. He further contends that the 7th respondent is running the newspaper without any legal sanction.

Pursuant to the above contentions, made by the petitioner, an enquiry had been ordered by this Court by an order dated 9.2.2005 to know as to whether the petitioner is running the newspaper with legal sanction or not. Consequent upon the said order, the learned Government Pleader for Home placed before this Court a letter addressed by the Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad, which reveals that by complying with all the legal formalities and also after obtaining necessary permissions only, the 7th respondent is running the *Niluvutaddam* Telugu Weekly.

Therefore, there is absolutely no valid reason to interfere with the cause of the writ petition and hence the same is liable to be dismissed.

In the result, the writ petition is dismissed at the stage of admission. However, as a word of caution from the Court, the newspaper, being an effective media, is not expected to coerce any citizen for any reason. Even no such impression be left with the public by any news media, which is detriment not only to the public interest but also to the dignity and pivotal role to be played by it. No costs.

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kvsn 04-03-2005

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7 Two copies to the GP for Home, High Court buildings, Hyderabad.

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9 Two CDs.